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DEPARTMENT IS NOT AWARE OF ANY SANCTION BREAKING PRACTICES ON THE PART OF CHASE MANHATTAN OR FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANKS WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH AFRICA, NOR ARE WE AWARE OF ANY INITIATIVES SIMILAR TO LIBERIA'S BY OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. THERE ARE NO INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, AND IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THESE BANKS ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. DEPARTMENT WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION BEFORE IT COULD PROVIDE EMBASSY GUIDANCE, SPECIFICALLY THE NATURE OF THE ALLEGED SANCTION BREAKING AND THE "SANCTION" BEING CONFIDENTIAL

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ENJOINED. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION THAT IT IS SOUTH AFRICA THE COUNTRY AND NOT SOUTHERN AFRICA THE REGION, I.E., RHODESIA, TO WHICH THE GOL REFERS.

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